

TRAP SET FOR MAZET. AID IS PROMISED IN RETURN FOR A LITTLE SECRECY.

MOSS GETS LAUTERBACH'S OFFER RE-
JECTED—FRANK PLATT ON THE
STAND DENIES KNOWLEDGE
OF RAMAPO AFFAIRS.

The most interesting feature of the Mazet Committee's hearing yesterday was the attempt made by Silas B. Dutcher and Edward Lauterbach to involve the committee in a plan to conceal from the public the names of the stockholders of the Ramapo Water Company. Mr. Dutcher, who was president of the company, had been put on the stand almost at the close of the day's proceedings. He subpoenaed him to produce in court the stock book of the company, but he did not bring it. When Mr. Moss asked him why not, Mr. Dutcher declared that the stock book was not in his custody, but in the custody of the company's secretary, Horace G. Lamont, who was away on his vacation—the president could not tell where, nor had he made any effort to find out.

Mr. Moss then pointedly asked Mr. Dutcher whether he intended to assist or hinder the committee in its investigation of the Ramapo water affair, and Mr. Dutcher replied significantly that he would assist the committee to find out anything it had any business to find out, but nothing more.

LAUTERBACH'S KIND OFFER.
Mr. Moss frowned, and was apparently about to say something sharp, when Mr. Lauterbach jumped up in the body of the room, and said in his most suave manner that he believed he could be of some assistance to Mr. Moss at this point. He then held up what he said was an accurate list of the stockholders of the Ramapo Water Company, and offered to give it to the committee on one condition, which was that it should not be made public. To bolster up this queer proposition he argued that in view of the injunctions brought against the company, and the action to annul its charter, it was necessary for the welfare of the company that the names of its stockholders remain a secret.

Mr. Moss at once objected that this was no adequate reason, and challenged Mr. Lauterbach to demonstrate how the company's local interests could be injured by making public the names of its stockholders. Mr. Lauterbach then shifted his ground and argued that so much publicity had been recently thrown upon the company that part of it would attach to every stockholder whose name became known, and as counsel for the company, and hence in a certain sense counsel for every stockholder, he must defend them, as he said, "from that stigma which has been so unjustly thrown upon this company, but which, I can assure you, will be removed before the work of this committee is done."

MOSS'S QUICK RETORT.
Mr. Moss was quick to turn Mr. Lauterbach's amended argument against him, and retorted that if the obliquely complained of was so soon to be removed, little harm could accrue to the stockholders resting under it for so long a time. He also warned the committee that if it accepted Mr. Lauterbach's offer the general public would immediately suspect that the committee was willing to cover up the names of certain politicians who are suspected of being the real promoters and backers of the effort to swindle the city through the Board of Public Improvements. The upshot of the argument was that Mr. Moss told Mr. Lauterbach to keep his list of stockholders until the committee had time to take a vote on his proposition. Mr. Moss told a Tribune reporter last night that the offer had been rejected.

It was not thought at all probable that the committee would accept, especially as Mr. Dutcher inadvertently revealed where the stock book was. Mr. Moss had asked Mr. Lauterbach how the committee could feel certain that his proffered list was accurate, and Mr. Lauterbach replied that the committee could send any one in its employ over to Brooklyn to compare the list with the stock book, adding: "The stock book" in the safe of a certain trust company over there, is it not, Mr. Dutcher?"

Mr. Dutcher, taken unawares by his own counsel, nodded assent, and then looked mad as a hornet. He could just as easily have said that as the book was in the custody of Mr. Lamont, no one but Mr. Lamont could be also, but where it was. As Mr. Dutcher is president of the Hamilton Trust Company, in Brooklyn, it at once became pretty evident, where the book was, and also that Mr. Dutcher could produce it if he wanted to.

DUTCHER REFUSES TO ANSWER.
The president of the Ramapo Water Company showed a disposition to be recalcitrant almost as soon as he began to testify. He admitted that he was president of the company was almost coincident with his becoming a stockholder therein, but refused to tell whom he bought his stock from. Being urged to answer the question, he replied: "I refuse, for the present."

It was a red letter day for Assemblyman Hoffman, the Tammany champion on the committee. His chance for display came when Frank B. Platt, son of Senator Platt, and a member of the law firm of Tracy, Boardman & Platt, was put on the stand. Mr. Moss had examined Mr. Platt briefly and was about to dismiss him, when Mr. Hoffman, putting on his best manner, took the witness into his own hands. He asked the Senator's son a perfect shower of questions. He asked leading questions, he asked involved questions, he asked extraordinary questions, he asked ungrammatical questions, he asked meaningless questions, he asked personal questions, he asked insulting questions, he asked any and all sorts of questions, and without asking many pointed and pertinent questions, the true answers to which the public wanted to know.

HOFFMAN REPULSES MOSS.
Mr. Moss twice requested to have certain questions repeated before the witness answered them, saying in sarcastic tones that he wanted to secure them as models.
"Are you acting as counsel for Mr. Platt?" demanded Mr. Hoffman sharply.
"No, I am acting as your counsel," replied Mr. Moss in a soothing tone.
"Well, when I need any advice from you I'll ask for it, and I don't want you to interrupt the again."

Mr. Moss sat down.
Mr. Platt proved to be an exceedingly cool witness, however, and no evidence that reflected dishonorably upon his firm or his father was extracted from him. He acknowledged frankly that he was counsel for several big corporations that have asked for legislative favors, and that he took pay for his services. He declared that he ever accepted stock as a gift because of any political influence he might be supposed to have. He declared that Senator Platt had no interest in the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland; also that the company never did any business except in open competition with other guarantee companies, and here he got in a slip at "Andy" Freedman's guarantee company by asserting that since Dutcher returned to power, that company had been charging city officials and contractors.

ALMOST CAUSED A PANIC.

CRY OF "FIRE!" RAISED IN THE OLD
THALIA THEATRE.

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES WERE BEING HELD, BUT
THE ENTRANCE OF POLICE PRE-
VENTED SERIOUS RESULTS.

While a celebration of Yom Kippur was being held in the Thalia Theatre, in the Bowery, about 6:45 o'clock last night, a light took place between some youths, who crowded the upper gallery, and some one shouted "Fire!" The place was crowded to overflowing, and the throng arose and made a rush for the exits.
The large stage was full of persons comprising the male choir, and behind the scenery were many persons who considered it a privilege to be there. When the cry of fire was raised all hands made a break for the rear and front doors.
Many women, who filled one of the galleries by themselves, also became almost panic-stricken and rushed for the stairways. Before any one could be hurt, twenty policemen entered the place and cleared the aisles, and those who wanted to do so left the theatre.
There was no fire. One of the ushers, who smelled gas, turned one of the chandeliers around until he caught the plug of an electric light to blow out. In the excitement all the first exits were thrown open, but few persons left the place.
When the firemen arrived they had to fight their way into the building, but had no use for the hose they carried with them.

EXPLORING IN ALASKA.

CAPTAIN GLENN HAS FOUR EXPEDITIONS
IN THE VICINITY OF TYONOK.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Captain Edwin F. Glenn, 25th Infantry, commanding the Cook Inlet exploring expedition, has written a letter to the War Department, dated Tyonok, Alaska, August 21 last, in which he says he has sent out four expeditions to explore the country in the neighborhood of Tyonok. One of these expeditions is under the charge of Lieutenant J. F. Herron. Captain Glenn carried the expedition upon the steamer Duchesne up the Sushitna River as far as the Yentna, a tributary stream of the Sushitna coming in from the west. Thence they proceeded to within about twenty-five or forty miles of a perfectly defined pass through the Alaskan range. The Indian guides stated that there was a lake passing leading to the northern fork of the Kuskokwim River, from which the party was ordered to proceed to the mouth of the Tannana River, and thence to Rampart City.

The party, Captain Glenn says, started out on its overland journey on July 1, and on August 1 was deserted by the Indian guides, who report that they left the party on the summit. This implies, says Captain Glenn, that this party will certainly get through the Alaskan range and to their destination.

A second party was subsequently started from the head of navigation on the middle fork of the Sushitna River for Circle City. This party Captain Glenn expected to lead in person, but became too ill to attempt the trip. He says he has heard nothing from the expedition since its departure. Captain Glenn started another party from the same point with instructions to cut a trail down the middle fork to Tyonok. By this means he hopes to establish through connection overland as far as Circle City, should the parties to that place get through.

At the date of writing Captain Glenn hoped to start a small party out from Knik Station in a few days to establish, if possible, a trail through the mountains to Prince William Sound.

Captain Glenn says that a number of prospectors have arrived at his camp at Tyonok very destitute, and suffering with scurvy or its effects.

HIS SKULL WAS BROKEN.

AN ALDLEY HORSEMAN HAD A SERIOUS
ACCIDENT WHILE RACING WITH
A WHEELMAN.

While speeding a racing horse against a scorching wheelman in Main-st., Aldley, yesterday morning, Walter Slattery was probably fatally injured, and is unconscious at his home. Slattery started out from his place of business yesterday morning, and had gone only a short distance when he overtook a man on a wheel. He passed him, and as the road was in excellent condition, the wheelman took up the challenge for a race, and the pair went off at a fast clip. When going at more than fourteen miles an hour the horse driven by Slattery broke, and in getting him back into his place the light wagon was overturned, and the wheelman struck the carriage. Mrs. D. B. Williamson, widow of D. B. Williamson, at one time a prominent member of the New-York Stock Exchange, the carriage was occupied by guests of Mrs. Williamson, who was herself at her home in Broadway, Dobbs Ferry.

Slattery's rig was overturned and he was thrown with great force to the roadway. The back of his skull being crushed. He was hurried to his home, and Dr. Dennison was summoned and attended him, but said that it was almost positive that his injuries would result fatally. The Williamson carriage was not injured, nor was the wheelman.

The accident has caused considerable comment in Dobbs Ferry. The stretch of road on which the race took place is a favorite speeding place for both wheelmen and horsemen, and several races there have resulted in more or less severe injuries to several persons.

Slattery is well known in Aldley as an enthusiastic horseman, and is the owner of several fast roadsters.

BADLY BITTEN BY A MASTIFF.

ROUGH EXPERIENCE OF A NEW-ROCHELLE
LETTER CARRIER ON HIS FIRST TRIP.

John Finn passed a Civil Service examination recently and was appointed to be a letter carrier in New-Rochelle. He made his first trip yesterday, after being broken in by other carriers. His first trip was disastrous, and he will be laid up for some time as a result. He was entering the Hollister place to deliver letters, when a mastiff attacked him. The animal sprang for his throat and rank his fangs in the carrier's face and then in his hand. The dog continued to spring on Finn, and his clothing was torn and the letters in the bag scattered over the lawn. A servant ran out of the house and mastered the dog. The letters were recovered later, and the family was informed that there would be no more deliveries to them as long as the dog remained at large.

TYPHOID FEVER EPIDEMIC IN BERLIN.

Berlin, Sept. 13.—An epidemic of typhoid fever has broken out in the Moabit quarter.

REOPENING OF THE HOTEL CHAMBERLIN.
OLD POINT COMFORT, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA & NORFOLK RAILROAD.
The Hotel Chamberlin, Old Point Comfort, Va., which has been closed for some time, will be reopened on September 15 on the European plan. The hotel has been open all the season, and will continue to serve its guests in the most comfortable and desirable manner. The hotel is situated in a beautiful location, and is well equipped with every modern convenience. It is a favorite resort for the summer months, and is a most desirable place for a vacation.

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RUMORS FLOOD LONDON.

SENSATIONAL STORIES FROM SOUTH
AFRICA AND PARIS.

BUT WAR WITH THE BOERS IS THOUGHT
TO BE IMPOSSIBLE—INDIGNATION OVER
DREYFUS' VERDICT GROWING HOTTER.

(BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.)
London, Sept. 13.—The news vendors have had a carnival of sensations today, and have hawked every device for selling foreign editions. Dreyfus has been alternately dying and pardoned, and the Boers have been raiding across the frontier of Natal and suing for peace under a forty-eight hours' ultimatum. Mr. Chamberlain's last dispatch has been summarized and printed in detail via Brussels, and amended and contradicted. Important particulars are still unpublished. While journalism may not be yellow in London, it would not be the worse for judicious bleaching.

Two facts which stand out are the rising tide of English indignation over the Dreyfus verdict and the ebullient force of Boer resistance to British demands, supported by an army of twenty-five thousand men, which can be readily increased to forty thousand. The commercial movement for boycotting the French Exposition is steadily gaining impetus, and is good proof that moral England has ceased to be a shop-keeping nation.

Alarming rumors from South Africa have not created any undue excitement either in the Stock Exchange or the Government offices. Mr. Chamberlain has demanded all that Kruger was willing to concede, and something more, and has intimated that an answer must come speedily, but he has not closed the door for further negotiations, and it is likely that the Boers will make the concessions required and that war will be averted.

Kruger can retreat safely, since nobody here believes that the Outlanders will renounce allegiance to the British Crown and become citizens of the Transvaal in sufficient numbers to menace the ascendancy of the Dutch burghers. War may be brought on impulsively by the Boers, or a big blaze may be kindled by a small spark, but the probable outcome of the strong military demonstration to be made by the British Government is peace.

CHAMBERLAIN'S NOTE TO KRUGER. IMMEDIATE REPLY DEMANDED—WILL NOT DISCUSS SIZEMANITY.

London, Sept. 13.—The message of Mr. Chamberlain to the Transvaal Government says he understands the concessions made in President Kruger's note of August 18 have been withdrawn on account of the British attitude regarding sizemanship, and adds:

Her Majesty's Government has absolutely repudiated the view of the political status of the Transvaal taken by the Transvaal Government, and the status of a sovereign State, and therefore are unable to consider any proposal made conditionally on their acceptance of this view.

Continuing, the note says the British Government is satisfied that the law embodying the proposed alleviating measures for Outlanders is insufficient to secure immediate and substantial representation, which it is understood the Transvaal admits to be reasonable. It then says:

Moreover, the presentation of the proposals in the note of August 19 indicates that the Government of the South African Republic itself recognizes that its previous offers might with advantage be enlarged and the independence of the republic thereby in no way impaired.

The dispatch then goes on to say that Great Britain is still prepared to accept the franchise proposals of August 19, provided a court of inquiry, whether joint or unilateral, shows the new scheme to be unencumbered by nullifying conditions. The British Government assumes that the new members of the Raad will be allowed to speak their own language, and adds that the acceptance of these terms would at once remove the tension, and "would, in all probability, render unnecessary any further intervention of Her Majesty's Government to secure redress for grievances which the Outlanders themselves would be able to bring to the notice of the Executive Council and Volksraad. Her Majesty's Government is increasingly impressed with the danger of further delay in relieving the strain which has already caused so much injury to the interests of South Africa, and they earnestly press for an immediate reply to the present proposal. If accepted, they will be ready to make immediate arrangements for a further conference between the President and the High Commissioner to settle all details of the proposed tribunal of arbitration and the questions referred to in my note of August 20, which are neither Outlander grievances nor questions of the interpretation of the convention, but which might be readily settled by friendly communication between representatives of the two governments. If, however, as they most anxiously hope will not be the case, the reply of the Transvaal should be negative or inconclusive, I am to state that Her Majesty's Government must reserve to itself the right to consider the situation de novo and formulate its own proposals for a final settlement."

The exact franchise proposals which Mr. Chamberlain says Great Britain is still prepared to accept with the Court of Inquiry proviso are five years' franchise, a share for Outlanders in the election of the President and equal rights, and increased representation for the gold fields to the extent of eight new seats. These were presented by President Kruger on August 19, and later were withdrawn.

SOME OF THE REPORTS AFLOAT.

London, Sept. 13.—A special dispatch to "The Pall Mall Gazette" from Cape Town says the British reply is regarded as equivalent to an ultimatum, and the correspondent's advice from Pretoria indicate that war is inevitable.

A Pretoria dispatch to "The Cape Times" says the Transvaal has informed the miners of Italy that it will give them a safe conduct and protection in case they wish to remain in the Transvaal.

The report that the Rand Irishmen have formed a corps to help President Kruger is confirmed, and it is said in Cape Town that a cable dispatch has been received there from New-York saying ten thousand Irishmen there are ready to help the Transvaal.

The Orange Free State burghers are reported to be bitterly divided over the merits of the controversy and their probable course in case of war.

A special dispatch from Pretoria says the leaders of the Afrikaner Bund have telegraphed to President Kruger, urging him to yield to Mr. Chamberlain's last demands.

SPY SAID TO BE AN AMERICAN.

Mafeking, Sept. 13.—Mr. McArthur, who was recently arrested at Zuerst, in the Transvaal, as a spy and sentenced to a year's imprisonment, claims to be an American citizen. The United States Consul at Kimberley is investigating the matter. Mr. Ellis, his former captor, says:

Every minute a pleasure to view a picture, every fresh refreshing on the Hudson River Day Line. Good music—Adv.

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MILLER'S HATS, FINE STYLES.
Now on exhibition 25-26 30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000-1001-1002-1003-1004-1005-1006-1007-1008-1009-1010-1011-1012-1013-1014-1015-1016-1017-1018-1019-1020-1021-1022-1023-1024-1025-1026-1027-1028-1029-1030-1031-1032-1033-1034-1035-1036-1037-1038-1039-1040-1041-1042-1043-1044-1045-1046-1047-1048-1049-1050-1051-1052-1053-1054-1055-1056-1057-1058-1059-1060-1061-1062-1063-1064-1065-1066-1067-1068-1069-1070-1071-1072-1073-1074-1075-1076-1077-1078-1079-1080-1081-1082-1083-1084-1085-1086-1087-1088-1089-1090-1091-1092-1093-1094-1095-1096-1097-1098-1099-1100-1101-1102-1103-1104-1105-1106-1107-1108-1109-1110-1111-1112-1113-1114-1115-1116-1117-1118-1119-1120-1121-1122-1123-1124-1125-1126-1127-1128-1129-1130-1131-1132-1133-1134-1135-1136-1137-1138-1139-1140-1141-1142-1143-1144-1145-1146-1147-1148-1149-1150-1151-1152-1153-1154-1155-1156-1157-1158-1159-1160-1161-1162-1163-1164-1165-1166-1167-1168-1169-1170-1171-1172-1173-1174-1175-1176-1177-1178-1179-1180-1181-1182-1183-1184-1185-1186-1187-1188-1189-1190-1191-1192-1193-1194-1195-1196-1197-1198-1199-1200-1201-1202-1203-1204-1205-1206-1207-1208-1209-1210-1211-1212-1213-1214-1215-1216-1217-1218-1219-1220-1221-1222-1223-1224-1225-1226-1227-1228-1229-1230-1231-1232-1233-1234-1235-1236-1237-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